

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN LOREN SOFT**, on January 22, 1999 at
3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Loren Soft, Chairman (R)
Rep. Roy Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Ralph Lenhart (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Bruce Simon (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Chris Ahner (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Branch
Jaelene Racicot, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 62, HB 319, SB 30, & SB 76
Executive Action: SB 62 17-0 Be Concurred In
HB 319 17-0 Do Pass

REP. SOFT reminded proponents and opponents to sign in. {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 0 - 10}

HEARING ON SB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. BOB KEENAN, SD 38, introduced SB 62. {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 10 - 30}

Proponents' Testimony: Denzel C. Davis, Administrator of the Quality Assurance Division. See EXHIBIT(huh17a01) {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 30 - 45}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 45 - 76}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. KEENAN closed. REP. KEENAN stated REP. SIMON would carry the bill on the House floor. {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 76 - 91}

HEARING ON SB 30

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. DON HARGROVE, SD 16, introduced the bill. {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 91 - 132}

Proponents' Testimony: Mary Ann Wellbank, Department of Public Health and Human Services. See EXHIBIT(huh17a02) EXHIBIT(huh17a03) EXHIBIT(huh17a04) {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 132 - 394}

Wendy Young, (WEEL) Working for Equality and Economic Liberation. {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 394 - 417}

Betty Waddell, Montana Association of Churches. Ms. Waddell handed in testimony written by Sharon Hoff-Brodowy. See EXHIBIT(huh17a05) {Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 417 - 515}

Testimony continued through to {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 0 - 14}

Colleen Murphy, Executive Director of the Montana Chapter National Association of Social Workers. See EXHIBIT(huh17a06) {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 14 - 38}

Julie Brewer, Director of Hunger Coalition. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 38 - 53}

Helen Taffs, self. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 53 - 71}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 71 - 305} During the questions and responses REP. JACKSON asked Mary Ann Wellbank a question regarding New Hires. See EXHIBIT(huh17a07) for New Hires Reporting Program.

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. HARGOVE closed. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 305 - 336}

HEARING ON SB 76

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. TOM BECK, SD 28, introduced SB 76 on behalf of the Department of Public Health and Human Services. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 336 - 445}

Proponents' Testimony: Mary Ann Wellbank, Department of Public Health and Human Services. {Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 445 - 515} Mary Ann Wellbank continued with her testimony through to {Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 0 - 55}

Brenda Norlund, Department of Justice. See EXHIBIT(huh17a08) {Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 55 - 116}

Helen Taffs, self. {Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 116 - 126}

Betty Waddell, Montana Association of Churches. {Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 126 - 134}

Colleen Murphy, Executive Director of the Montana Chapter National Association of Social Workers. {Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 134 - 146}

Wendy Young, (WEEL) Working for Equality and Economic Liberation. {Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 146 - 155}

Julie Brewer, Montana Hunger Coalition. {Tape : 2; Side : A;
Approx. Tape Counter : 155 - 190}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: {Tape : 2; Side
: A; Approx. Tape Counter : 155 - 349}

Closing By Sponsor: SEN. BECK closed. {Tape : 2; Side : A;
Approx. Tape Counter : 349 - 389}

REP. MOLNAR made some comments about the issues facing the
committee. {Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 389 -
418}

HEARING ON HB 319

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. RICK DALE, HD 39, introduced
the bill. {Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 418 - 468}

Proponents' Testimony: Mike Murray, Lewis and Clark County
Commissioner. {Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Tape Counter : 468 -
482}

Glenna Obies, Jefferson County Commissioner. {Tape : 2; Side : A;
Approx. Tape Counter : 482 - 504}

Garth Haugland, Beaverhead County Commissioner. {Tape : 2; Side :
A; Approx. Tape Counter : 504 - 515} Mr. Haugland's testimony
continued through to {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter :
0 - 3}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:
{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 3 - 29}

Closing By Sponsor:

REP. DALE closed. {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 29
- 38}

REP. SIMON asked Mr. Niss about changing the language from shall
to must. {Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 38 - 76}

REP. GUGGENHEIM commented on the amendment to HB 266. {Tape : 2;
Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 76 - 151}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 62

Motion/Vote: REP. BROWN moved that SB 62 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried 17-0. No proxy was received by REP. AHNER. REP. SIMON would carry the bill on the House floor. *{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 151 - 159}*

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 319

Motion/Vote: REP. GUGGENHEIM moved that HB 319 DO PASS. Motion carried 17-0. No proxy was received by REP. AHNER. *{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Tape Counter : 159 - 164}*

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:16 P.M.

REP. LOREN SOFT, Chairman

JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

LS/JR

EXHIBIT (huh17aad)